As per Census 2001, the Annual Exponential Growth Rate has declined from 2.14% in 1991 to 1.93% in 2001.

Upgradation of Harpalpur Station

914. SHRI BALAVANT *ALIAS* BALAPTE:
SHRI SHREEGOPAL VYAS:

Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether his Ministry has any proposal to upgrade the Harpalpur station in Madhya Pradesh;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) the time by which the work on this project is likely to be started and completed; and

(d) the estimated cost of the said project?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI R. VELU): (a) to (d) Harpalpur is a 'D' category station and all passenger amenities as per norms have already been provided at this station. However, upgradation of passenger amenities at stations is a continuous process and is undertaken through Annual Works Programme. For improvement of passenger amenities at this station, work of extension of high level platform has already been completed. Further, following works have been sanctioned and are planned for completion by 31st March, 2009:

(i) Provision of Unreserved Ticketing System, and

(ii) Unreserved Ticketing System cum Passenger Reservation System.

Tatkal Ticket System

915. SHRI KAMAL AKHTAR: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) the details of tatkal tickets available in each category of train, percentage-wise and class-wise;

(b) whether it is a fact that the normal tickets are now available as tatkal tickets only;

(c) whether this is only an income generating method to the Railways because there is no refund on cancellation and the passenger is forced to pay the full fare irrespective of his destination;

(d) the justification for exploiting the compelling situation of the passengers by this scheme; and

(e) whether any policy regarding the number of seats available under the tatkal scheme would not cross a definite percentage of the total general pool tickets is in practice and if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI R. VELU): (a) Tatkal scheme is available in all Mail/Express trains and in all reserved classes except First Class and AC First Class. The extent of accommodation earmarked in various trains under Tatkal scheme varies from 10% to 30% of the accommodation depending upon the average utilisation.

(b) No, Sir.